

Education Committee  
March 7, 2011

**S.B. No. 1106 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT.**

Dear Education Committee Members,

My name is Dena Schroll and I'm a home-based child care provider from Manchester.

I'm writing to you asking for your support of S.B. No. 1106- which would give providers like myself the voice we need to improve child care in Connecticut. And the key to improving care I believe is to make the child care profession a more attractive option for those interested in working with children. As it stands now, the current reimbursement system leads to long delays in getting kids approved for subsidized care.

I myself have cared for dozens of children while their paperwork was going through, only to find out in the end that they were not qualified- leaving me unpaid for the quality care I gave. One of the first things we would do if this bill passed would be to address these delays by figuring a low-cost (or possibly even cost-saving!) way to let providers know right away if a child is eligible for subsidized care. Please give providers the means to bring improvements to the system by supporting S.B. No. 1106.

Sincerely,

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